

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse, the following species: a first medium comprising retinoic acid and leukemia inhibitory factor, a second medium comprising acidic fibroblast growth factor, fibroblast growth factor 4, and hepatocyte growth factor; and a third medium comprising oncostatin M; wherein the mammal is human and the cells are mesenchymal stem cells. The elected species reads on claims 1, 4, 6 and claims dependent from them.

The Examiner is reminded that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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